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LOK SABHA

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DROUGHT AFFECTED STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any allocation for the drought affected States for the year 2002-03;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government have asked the State Governments about themanner in which the expenditure is proposed to be incurred in the States; and

(d) if so, the response of the State Governments thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The State Governments have ready availability of funds under theCalamity Relief Fund for disaster relief including drought. The first half yearly installment of Central share of CRF for the financial year 2002-03 is due for release inMay, 2002. The drought situation for the agriculture year 2002-03 will depend upon the behaviours of the South West monsoon, 2002.

(c) & (d): The Central Government have laid down guidelines in consultation with the State governments for incurring expenditure out of CRF/NCCF. In addition, State specific norms have also been laid down, wherever necessary, in consultation with the concerned State Governments.